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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6443

BILL NUMBER: SB 126

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 2, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parole Eligibility for Certain Crimes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Smith S

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a person is eligible for consideration for release on parole if, before the criminal code was enacted in 1976, the person: (1) was sentenced to more than one term of life imprisonment without parole upon conviction of more than one felony; and (2) committed kidnapping as one of the felonies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: On October 16, 2001, the Department of Correction (DOC) reported that 53 offenders are serving more than one life term under the old criminal code. Of these, 14 have kidnapping as one of the life sentences. Consequently, these 14 offenders would be eligible for parole.

If all of these 14 offenders were given parole, then DOC would have some additional cells or beds available to house other offenders. The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$26,825 in FY 2002. This does not include the cost of new construction. If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily, per prisoner.

The Department of Correction might incur some additional costs for placing these offenders on parole.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: The Planning Division, Department of Correction.

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